

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently Amended) A cutting board comprising:  
a baseboard having a cutting surface for cutting articles thereon; and  
a sloping trough slide defined in the cutting surface from an interior point to at an edge of the baseboard, the slide having a concave, continuous arch shape that decreases in depth as the slide extends in from the edge to the interior point.
2. (Currently Amended) The cutting board of claim 1, further comprising a lip extending along a longitudinal edge throughout an entire ~~circumference~~ perimeter of the cutting board except the edge where the slide is located.
3. (Currently Amended) The cutting board of claim 2, further comprising a plurality of projections arranged uniformly over ~~mounted on~~ a plurality of corners and mounted on of the lip.
4. (Currently Amended) The cutting board of claim 1, wherein the cutting surface possesses an ~~inherent~~ anti-slip characteristic.
5. (Original) The cutting board of claim 4, wherein the cutting surface is textured.
6. (Original) The cutting board of claim 4, wherein the cutting surface is pebbled.
7. (Original) The cutting board of claim 4, wherein the cutting surface has a matt finish.
8. (Original) The cutting board of claim 1, wherein a surface of the slide has a texture which is different from a texture of the cutting surface.
9. (Original) The cutting board of claim 8, wherein the texture of the surface for the slide is substantially smooth.
10. (Original) The cutting board of claim 8, wherein the texture of the surface for the slide is substantially slippery.
11. (Original) The cutting board of claim 8, wherein the surface of the slide has a gloss finish.
12. (Original) The cutting board of claim 1, wherein the baseboard is formed from a water proof, non or minimally porous, heat resistant durable material.
13. (Original) The cutting board of claim 12, wherein the baseboard is formed from an injection molded food-grade plastic.
14. (Original) The cutting board of claim 13, wherein the food-grade plastic is anti-bacterial and sterilizable.
15. (Original) The cutting board of claim 12, wherein the baseboard is formed from polyolefin.

16. (Original) The cutting board of claim 12, wherein the baseboard is formed from polyethylene.

17. (Original) The cutting board of claim 1, wherein the baseboard has a geometric shape.

18. (Original) The cutting board of claim 17, wherein the baseboard has a substantially rectangular shape.

19. (Original) The cutting board of claim 1, further comprising a bottom surface on which the cutting board is adapted to be supported during cutting.

20. (Original) The cutting board of claim 19, wherein the bottom surface comprises a plurality of feet.

21. (Original) The cutting board of claim 20, wherein the plurality of feet are situated near a plurality of corners of the bottom surface.

22. (Original) The cutting board of claim 20, wherein the plurality of feet are integrally connected to an underside of the bottom surface.

23. (Currently Amended) The cutting board of claim 20, wherein an elastic material is injected into the plurality of feet to create an overmold ~~are overmolded~~.

24. (Original) The cutting board of claim 1, further comprising a spout region; and wherein the sloping trough slide is defined in the cutting surface at the spout region.

25. (Original) The cutting board of claim 24, wherein the spout region assists in extending a reach of the sloping trough slide.

26. (Currently Amended) A cutting board comprising:  
a baseboard having a cutting surface for cutting articles thereon and a spout region at one edge thereof; and

a sloping trough slide defined in the cutting surface from an interior point in the spout region to of the edge of the baseboard, the slide having a concave, continuous arch shape that decreases in depth as the slide extends in from the edge to the interior point.

27. (Original) The cutting board of claim 26, wherein the spout region assists in extending a reach of the sloping trough slide.

28. (Currently Amended) A cutting board comprising:  
a baseboard having a cutting surface for cutting articles thereon and a cross-sectionally smooth sloping trough defined in the cutting surface from an interior point extending in from an edge of the baseboard to the interior point.

29. (Original) The cutting board of claim 28, further comprising a spout region; and wherein the sloping trough is defined in the cutting surface at the spout region.

30. (Original) The cutting board of claim 29, wherein the spout region assists in extending a reach of the sloping trough.